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ODD FELLOWS' TALKING.

A Magnificent Street Parade—Rev. W. F. Graham Delivers an Eloquent Oration—Crowds Flock to Hear Him—An Interesting Account.

The Odd Fellows were out last Sunday at 10 o'clock. The day was perfect for such an occasion and hundreds of the members of the organization took advantage of it and joined in returning thanks to God for His many blessings.

It was 2:30 P. M. when the members of the subordinate lodges of the G. O. U. of O. F. assembled at Fishermen's Hall. The line formed and was headed by Richard Patriarche, No. 6, under command of Senior Captain R. M. Clark, assisted by S. H. Diamond.

It was a grand sight as this magnificent body of men with drawn swords, military tread, white and purple feathers waving from their black chapeaux while the uniforms had been so carefully looked after as to give the impression that they were just from the manufacturer's.

These were followed by the Past Master's Council and that in turn by the subordinate lodges. The first Battalion Band furnished the music.

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—Mr. John L. Alexander, who has been absent from the city for some time, arrived last Wednesday evening.

—Mr. Julius A. Smith, has returned from Chicago, where he has been for the past seven months.

—The Lion's Bride will soon be gone.

—Transient boarders can be accommodated at residence of Mrs. Milton Brown, 516 Jackson St., Lynchburg, Va. Terms reasonable.

—We return thanks for the invitation received to attend the Tyece Social Club at the New Odd Fellows Hall, Friday, March 9th, 1894, at 8:30 P. M.

—We return thanks to Mrs. Sarah Taylor for the invitation to attend a social evening at her daughter, Miss Elizabeth Taylor, Thursday evening, March 8th, 1894, from 9 to 10 o'clock at 510 N. Adams St., Richmond, Va.

—Tom and Jerry will say good bye soon.

—Mrs. Robert H. Brown and daughter, formerly of Richmond has left the city for their future home, Atlantic City, New Jersey.

—Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Jones, of 2105 Moore St., were blessed with a son Friday evening, Mar. 2nd. Mrs. Jones is getting along nicely.

—Two Little Girls in Blue is very popular, but not had so much as the Security Industrial Life Insurance Co., which does not discriminate on account of color. Do not wait!!! All claims paid promptly. Live company. Agents wanted to canvass the city. Office, 820 E. Broad Street.



Deaths.

DEBBRESS—Died at the residence of her husband 110 W. Leigh street; Wednesday at 1:10 p. m. Estella C. Lester, beloved wife of Miles C. Debbress, and only daughter of the late William H. and Marietta Lester in the 27th year of her age. She was an affectionate wife and loving mother. She leaves a mother, husband and two children, relatives and friends to mourn their loss.

We miss the face, we miss the hand, Whose lightest touch seemed born of love; Only in dreams can we recall, The saintly form that dwells above. And yet we know our tender heart, Yearns to assuage the tears we weep We know that in the darkest night, One faithful angel guards our sleep.

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An Appeal for Virginia Seminary.

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Mr. Editor—You being a member of the Board of Managers of the Virginia Seminary located at Lynchburg, and knowing your deep interest in the institution, I thought to ask a few lines in your columns with regard that great work in the colored States. Several years ago when our Northern white friends, who have done so much for the colored people of the south and are still doing the same, gently, but significantly, reminded us that it was time for the Negro to help himself, how many there are today in our State that will remember with what delight we hailed the news of the determination of the colored Baptists to establish the Virginia Seminary! There was a spontaneous wave of joyous pride through our State, as boys in the country and cities, we made a splendid beginning, and then the work was at a stand-still for a while, when our brilliant young President, Prof. G. W. Hayes, assumed control, the work moved off with rapid strides.

His labors have been steady, brave and his talent, in the face of several flattering lucrative inducements, would have made the personal sacrifices that the Board of Managers and the State Convention know he has made to make our Virginia Seminary a success.

The question is, shall we fail? Shall we let him and that great undertaking go forever down? Shall we tell that noble and generous hearted Christian Brother Umble that his thousands, spent in the work, were unthankfully received? And by so doing for ever discount the large sums of money to help us in our educational and other denominational work? God forbid.

Thousands are looking on, waiting for the opportunity to say "I told you so." I pray that the day never come when we can look upon the walls of the Virginia Seminary and declare: "There is evidence of the Negro's inability to stick together and accomplish any thing." I am confident, if the colored Baptists of the state with scores of able ministers, will unite to carry out the work to be a complete success under Prof. Hayes.

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Rev. Robinson gave entire satisfaction as to his thorough knowledge of phrenology. He lectured on human nature, anatomy and hygiene, and showed the relations of these sciences to the human body. He exhibited busts of Charles Sumner and Benjamin Franklin, and so had "The Man, Wonderful Man," a chart of the human body, and a symbolical head with the faculties beautifully illustrated.—Kansas City (Kan.) Star.

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Milton Deane, M. V. P., presided with the requisite dignity. He stated the object of the services, and gave a brief sketch of the progress of the organization. Rev. J. E. Jones, D. D., offered a prayer. Rev. W. F. Graham then preached from Psalms 34:3—"O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together."

There were now 30000 lodges with a membership of 110,000. He told of the experiences of the organization. Its history is a cause for thanks giving. It is the pride of the history of our race to rise in the scale of civilization. The introduction of the order dates back beyond the stirring scenes of the late war.

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Old Harmony Lodge was established in Alexandria, Va., after the war. We should all remember with grateful hearts that this Order with Wendell Phillips sent argument which tended to give us our freedom.

Seeing then what was done, who has a greater right to return thanks than we? The Order resumed its work in England, but its principles are as old as history itself.

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